

**California
Rare
Fruit
Growers**



**July 2018
North San Diego
County Chapter**

Annual Potluck and Plant Sale Saturday, July 14 11:00 AM San Diego Botanic Garden

Our Picnic & Plant sale will again be at the beautiful San Diego Botanic Garden on Sat. July 14th, 2018 from 11 AM to 3 PM

Time is running out. Please sign up for our picnic now we still have a couple of openings.

All volunteers please be there by 10:30 AM

Thanks to June Andersen for arranging this event at these gardens

Attending members must be members of our chapter's and also be members of our parent CRFG organization. We have again invited our friends from the San Diego City Chapter to join us. The proceeds from the plant sale will go to the No County Chapter but others can donate to the plant sale. Let the Admission person from SDBG know you are there for the CRFG picnic and you will not be charged admission or parking. This is for Members & Family. You must have reservations. Please call Dottie at 760 806 6678 for reservations. Space is limited.

We will be in the patio area next to the Ecke Building, near the Undersea Succulent Garden. The picnic is from 11 AM-3 PM. This is a potluck. Please bring a ready-to-serve dish that will feed 8-10. Food should be on the table before noon.

All volunteers should be there by 10:30 to help price donated plants and other tasks as needed. The plant sale will be expanded this year. You may bring edible & non-edibles and also items that members can use in their yards. The last time we expanded the sale members brought fencing, wagons, new tools, or left overs from yard projects. If your items do not sell, take them home. If you have any questions, please call June Andersen (760-729-3501) or Dottie Logan (760-806-6678) You MUST RSVP for the picnic/potluck before July 11th at 760 806 6678

We will have a tour of the sub-tropical garden about 1:30 – 2 PM. Please clean up tables and remove your plants and take them to your cars before the tour.

If you have reservations and cannot attend, please call so that someone else can take your place.

Cheers From The Chair

The British are known as a nation of gardeners. Gardening has been a popular pastime in England since Roman times. There are so many wonderful gardens in England it is not possible to see them all. But, as promised in the last newsletter, this message is about espaliered fruit trees. The term espalier refers to the way fruit trees are trained to grow against a wall or pruned to be along one plane. Tree branches are anchored to brick walls, or tied to wire supports. Some trees I saw were even pruned to be garden room walls. They were planted in a row and pruned in a way that their branches are now unsupported. Espaliering can create a very formal pattern like the picture of the horizontal espalier. I also saw fan patterned espaliered trees. The fan pattern seemed to be the most popular for figs. This is probably to protect the figs and give the trees extra absorbed heat from the support wall. Most of the homes I observed had rather small home gardens so including an espaliered tree is a way to save space and make harvesting easier. Many of the larger espaliered trees I saw on tall walls would need to be harvested using a ladder, but at least the ladder can lean against a very sturdy wall. The large gardens I observed had been sectioned off into smaller areas or “garden rooms” with espaliered trees often used to define the room. The most common espaliered trees I saw were apples, pears and figs. Some of the espaliered apples I saw were reportedly 100 years old. In May, young fruit was evident so it looks like this year there will be a good crop. Espaliering apples has become quite popular in San Diego county gardens, but some of the English gardens I observed have a few centuries head start on our efforts! My espaliered Anna apple has a good crop and I started harvesting a few weeks ago. If you have espaliered trees please send me pictures and we will include them in the next newsletter.

Cheers,
Kathryn



Plant/Garden Related Sale

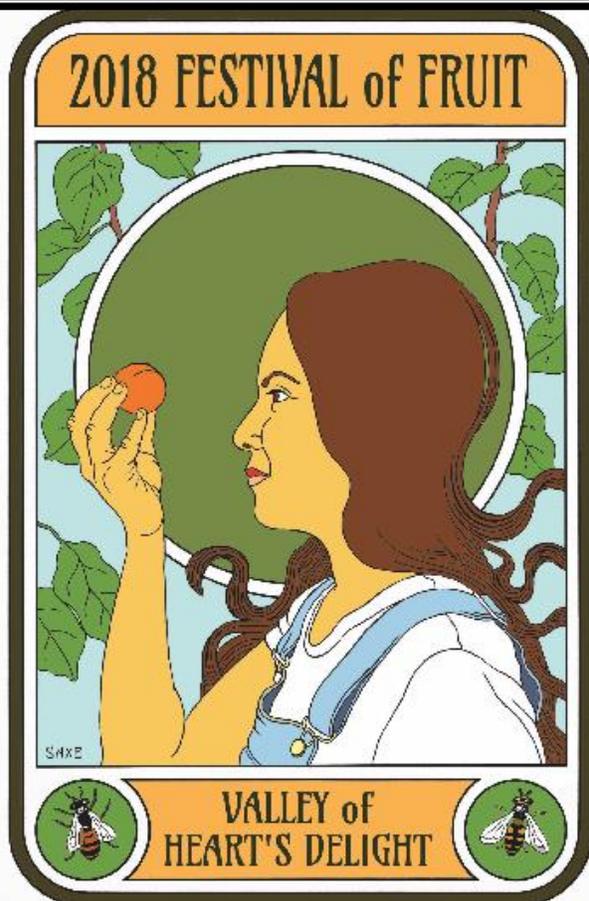
Please bring your Plants & Garden related items for our fundraiser sale at the picnic.

Give the items to Richard Reid or Mark Lee for pricing.
Any small plants or items not sold will be used at the Aug or Sept raffle.
Unsold large items should be taken back by the donors.
Thanks.

Dottie

Website Skills?

The club is currently looking for someone with website skills to assist with the maintenance and updating of our website. If you have experience, or would like to learn please contact Helen Driver



The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of
California Rare Fruit Growers
invites you to join us for:

The Festival of Fruit and the 50th Anniversary of CRFG!

July 27 to 29, 2018
Campbell Community Center
1 W. Campbell Ave. in Campbell, CA

The 28th will be a full day of
speakers, presentations, vendors,
raffles, and lunch! Optional dinner
banquet with guest speaker.

Enjoy garden tours and tastings
on July 27 and July 29!

More information at our website:
festivaloffruit.org

Check out the website!

We have a website, the URL is nsdcrfg.wordpress.com. We are adding new information often, so please take a look and let us know what you would like to see there. Thank you Linda and Helen for all your hard work in keeping this going.

San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Opportunities and Work Party

Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to the San Diego Botanic Garden. Join others for a volunteer orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the garden is included. In order to participate in the CRFG sub-tropical garden work parties you must attend an orientation. To receive more information and the dates for the upcoming orientations call 760-436-3036 x 206

Next work party, August 11th, 8:30 to 12:00

Refreshments:

This month is our members annual potluck. Please bring a ready to share dish that will feed 8-10 people.

Thanks

Now on Facebook!

North San Diego County Chapter now has a Facebook Page. Please check us out at www.facebook.com/groups/northsandiegocrfg/. This is a closed group and is for our members only, so you will need to ask the administrator to join.

Member Matters Membership

CHAPTER DUES FOR 2018 ARE PAST DUE!

Chapter dues with E-MAIL newsletters are \$10.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. Chapter dues with USPS newsletters are \$15.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. USPS is only for those without E-mail. You must also be a member of our parent organization, [CRFG, Inc.](#). To renew, please fill out a **NEW APPLICATION** online or bring it to our next meeting. Make check out to NC CRFG and send it to;

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Please contact our Membership Committee Chair Dawne Dickinson if you have any questions.

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by Dawne Dickinson

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Name Tags

Please keep your name tags after each meeting and bring them back with you for the next. We are hoping to have everyone be responsible for their own name tags to make things a bit easier on those who have had to keep track of them all this time. If you are interested in a more professional looking name tag, you can purchase them from the CRFG Inc. for \$11 by calling 805-543-9455 or email market@crfg.org. You must be a member of our parent organization (CRFG, Inc.) to order name tags from CRFG. To make it easier you can pay using PayPal.

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